

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A seating unit comprising:  
  
a seat; and  
  
a back, wherein an edge of said back includes an aesthetic portion, and wherein said aesthetic portion is patterned to resemble one of a plurality of preselected scenic silhouettes of existing landscape contours, ridge profiles, or mountain ranges.
2. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back comprises:  
  
at least one central portion, said central portion extending longitudinally from a first edge of said back to a second edge of said back, wherein said first edge is the edge which includes said aesthetic portion;  
  
a plurality of filler portions, said filler portions extending longitudinally from said first edge of said back to said second edge of said back, and said filler portions substantially filling a space between said central portion and lateral boundaries of said back.
3. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back further comprises:

a single planar portion having a forward face and a rear face, said forward face arranged to be facing a seating portion of said seating unit; and

at least one support member operatively attached transversely to said single planar portion, said support member attached proximate said rear face.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is an Adirondack-style chair.

6. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is an Adirondack-style furniture piece selected from the group consisting of: a love seat, a swing, and a glider, a chaises lounge, a glider, a loveseat, and a tête-à-tête.

7. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is constructed from materials selected from the group consisting of: wood, plastic, metal, resin, wood-adhesive compounds, and combinations thereof.

8.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back is further adapted to be operably supported on said base for movement between an upright position and an angled position.

11. (Previously Presented) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said aesthetic portion further comprises descriptive information related to said preselected existing geographical landscape contour, ridge profile, or mountain range forming said scenic silhouette, such as a name, elevation, or date.

12. (Previously Presented) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of preselected geographically identifiable, existing scenic silhouettes is the result of an application of a method selected from the group consisting of: painting, engraving, carving, etching, branding, scoring, embossing, plating, and molding.

13. (Original) The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said edge is an upper exposed edge of said planar back, and said aesthetic portion extends along substantially the entire upper edge of said planar back.

14. (Withdrawn) A method of constructing a modified seating unit with a characteristic aesthetic portion, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a scenic aspect;

deriving a contour line from said scenic aspect;

providing a seating unit, said seating unit having a contourable portion to receive said a contour derived from said contour line;

applying said contour line to said contourable portion of said unmodified seating unit; and

modifying said contourable portion of said unmodified seating unit in accordance with said contour line to produce said modified seating unit.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of deriving a contour line from said scenic aspect uses means selected from the group consisting of: a stencil, a computer, an overhead projector, projection equipment, image manipulation software, and a pantograph.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of modifying said contourable portion of said unmodified seating unit uses a means selected from the group consisting of:

manual modification, power tool, and CNC device.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein, in said step providing a scenic aspect, said medium is selected from the group consisting of: postcards, photographs, online images, magazine images, freehand sketches, and artwork.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein said medium is a display device.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein said display device is adapted to display at least one scenic aspect.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein said contour line is defined by a series of coordinate points located along said contour line, and wherein a series of proportions are present between various coordinate points on said contour line

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, further comprising, prior to the step of applying said fitted contour line, the step of manipulating said contour line to produce a fitted contour line, said fitted contour line adjusted to fit said contourable portion of said unmodified seating unit.

22. (Previously Presented) A furniture piece comprising:  
a first portion having an edge formed in a contour shape, said contour shape resembling one of a plurality of preselected existing and naturally occurring topographical contours.

23. (Previously Presented) The furniture piece as claimed in claim 22, wherein said first portion further comprises a substantially planar portion, and said preselected existing and naturally occurring topographical contours are derived from a profile of a mountain ridgeline.

24. (Original) The furniture piece as claimed in claim 23, wherein said furniture piece provides a seat, and said substantially planar portion is a back of said seat.